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SUBJ: PMAC BRIEFS MEDIA EMPLOYEES

1. MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (PMAC) MET WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29, WITH MINISTRY OF INFORMATION PERSONNEL TO OUTLINE THE AIMS OF ETHIOPIAN SOCIALISM AND TO STRESS THE NEED "FOR DISCIPLINE AS WELL AS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTIRE STAFF OF THE MINISTRY TOWARD THE PRESENT POPULAR MOVEMENT..."

2. ACCORDING TO THE ETHIOPIAN NEWS AGENCY (ENA) THE PMAC TOLD THE EMPLOYEES TO "SPARE NO EFFORT IN DISSEMINATING THE MEANING OF ETHIOPIAN SOCIALISM AMONG THE PUBLIC..."

3. THE PMAC REPRESENTATIVES TOLD THE NEWSPAPER, RADIO, TELEVISION AND ENA STAFFERS THAT FROM NOW ON PROMOTIONS AND RAISES IN PAY WILL BE MADE ONLY ON A MERIT BASIS AND THAT PERSONNEL WHO ATTAINED THEIR PRESENT POSITIONS "WITHOUT QUALIFICATIONS" WILL BE ASSIGNED TO JOBS WHERE THEY WILL BE MORE PRODUCTIVE..."

COMMENT:

ALTHOUGH THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE PMAC HAS HAD A "FORMAL" MEETING WITH MEDIA PERSONNEL TO OUTLINE POLICY, IT IS WELL KNOWN
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FACT THESE POINTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE -- NOT ONCE, BUT

SEVERAL TIMES -- TO VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS WITHIN THE
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION. THE PMAC HAS LIAISON OFFICERS IN
ALL THE MEDIA AND TIGHTLY CONTROLS EDITORIAL POLICY. WHOLESale
CHANGES HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE IN THE MININFO AND DESPITE THE
PMAC'S DISCLAIMER, THE CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE ON LOYALTY
AND UNFLINCHING SUPPORT OF THE REGIME AND NOT ON "MERIT."
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